

# The Bullet

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## Mortar Board Tapping, Speaker Joyce Highlight Ring Presentation



A sampling of Ring Week memorabilia

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by JILLIAN MCKENZIE

**R**ing Presentation, the main event of Junior Ring Week, takes place Thursday at 7 p.m. in Dodd Auditorium. On that night, friends, family and faculty will gather to witness the receiving of rings. The occasion also marks the tapping of rising seniors selected for membership in Mortar Board.

Mortar Board is the senior honor society that recognizes and encourages scholarship, leadership and service to the college and community. Selection for Mortar Board is based on application and election from a pool of

juniors who have attained at least a 3.0 overall G.P.A. Nearly 200 juniors were eligible for Mortar Board this year.

Ring Presentation chairman, Jeff Elkins said that the ceremony will be similar to a graduation procession. Students will walk across the auditorium's stage when their names are called, to accept their rings from President Anderson.

According to Junior Class Vice President Kim Mears, 364 out of the class of 600 juniors ordered rings.

Michael Joyce, chairman of the department of dramatic arts and dance, will be the guest speaker. A junior class poll was conducted to

find the faculty member students were most interested in having speak. Joyce was selected from a field of four, by a panel that included class officers and committee chairpersons. Joyce was ultimately chosen because the panel felt that he could better relate to the students because of his age, Elkins said.

The actual ring presentation ceremony begins at 7 p.m., but juniors are requested to arrive at 5:45. There will be a reception in the lobby of Dodd auditorium, immediately following the presentation.

Rehearsal for the presentation will take place at 3:45, Wednesday, Feb. 27 in Dodd Auditorium.

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# Editorial Duty

Recently, one of the *Bullet* staff members saw what appeared to be an honor offense. After some of the preliminary steps for reporting the incident had been taken, however, the case had to be dropped due to the lack of another witness.

As anyone who has taken someone to Honor Court knows, reporting a violation and taking a student to court can be a traumatic experience. Though you may be outraged by what that student has done, you certainly don't want to appear vindictive or cruel. You don't want to ruin the rest of his life.

Honor violations are a serious thing. If convicted, a person could be expelled from school, find difficulty in transferring elsewhere and find his career choices severely limited. Even the seemingly harmless "no dismissal" penalty carries the sting of being filed on a student's record, closing a career in law or accounting to him.

Still, all of us agreed to abide by the code when we came here. As adults, we have taken on that responsibility, and must be held accountable if we fail to live up to it. If you commit an honor offense and I witness it, I am bound to take the necessary steps if only to ensure that MWC remains a trusting environment—a place where professors can worry about teaching and not overseeing their classes, and where students can concentrate on learning and not guarding their property or ideas.

Even though the case could go no farther than the alerting of an honor contact, the decision to take the necessary action toward trial was the right one, but not an easy one. As evidenced by the Honor Council's recent trip to V.P.I., and their willingness to consider new and different ideas on procedures and policies, the Honor System is alive and well at MWC. Let's keep it that way.

## Organization Concerned About Famine

To the Editor:

The African famine is not "new news" anymore. The last months of 1984, the media and rock singers around the world made us aware that 10,000 African people face starvation every day.

The situation is still desperate; drought has ruined at least four planting seasons, and December and

January harvests did not yield nearly enough relief for the hungry. Poor health conditions affect at least six million people, perhaps as many as ten million, in Ethiopia alone.

The House of Representatives has introduced HR 100, a bill that, if passed, would send food and related aid to Africa. Many organizations work to send direct aid, in money and food, to afflicted areas.

Some believe that the African famine is "the cause" right now, an issue politically "in vogue," that is already on the way out. Nevertheless, the newly created MWC chapter of Bread for the World asks students to take some time next week to consider the famine and how we, as students, can help.

Bread for the World is a national Christian citizen's lobby focusing solely on hunger. Their members work to obtain government policies that will aid the starving. The lobby has asked colleges throughout the United States to sponsor activities on Feb. 26, to increase student awareness of the African famine.

In response, the MWC chapter is sponsoring a traditional African dinner, followed by a film on world hunger, "I Want to Live," narrated by John Denver, on Tuesday, Feb. 26, at the Jean Donovan house, 1225 Brent Street at 5:00 p.m. At 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday, come to Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church followed by coffee and doughnuts at the Jean Donovan House. Meet at the Jean Donovan House at 6:45 a.m. to walk to the church.

We hope that MWC students will use this week's opportunities to learn more about the African famine and how people around the world are responding to the crisis. Anyone who cannot attend the activities, but is interested, can call the Jean Donovan House, 373-6746, for more information.

What is politically "in vogue" right now is not the issue. Two months into 1985, people are still starving.

Sincerely,  
Bread for the World  
Mary Washington College

## Opinion Student Comments on Study/SLS Housing Conflict

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the circumstances and behavior surrounding the recent changes in small-house policy. There is much about this issue that most of the student body does not know. I would like to introduce some pertinent facts concerning the policy reversal and also address a number of the comments made by some of the individuals involved.

During the early part of the semester a decision was made to alter the housing of male study and senior SLS (Scholarship, Leadership and Service) students. Hamlet was to become all study, therefore increasing study spaces to twelve; and Cornell was to become SLS, which would increase SLS spots from five to six. This arrangement became official college policy, and all small house applications reflected this policy.

A problem soon arose, though. A number of male juniors, who were applying for SLS housing, became distressed that they were to live in Cornell. They submitted their own proposal for the situation, after the house applications had already been distributed.

Dean Southworth received their formal written proposal on Friday, February 8 at 4:30, and made her official decision (which would reverse the original policy) at 4:45 the same afternoon. She met with the study house contingent only after they made an effort to contact her (they had heard rumors about a possible switch). It appears to me that this sudden reversal, with little or no consideration for the interests of the study faction, was unfair, and should not have been made so hastily.

The new policy raised the number of SLS spots to twelve (which forced the concerned leadership students to propose that juniors be admitted), and effectively reduced the spots for study to six.

It is obvious to me, and to many of the students on this campus, that Westmoreland Basement would be an absurd place for special interest study housing, and certainly cannot be considered a "haven" for students seeking the quiet atmosphere of a small house. Such a location is a blatant contradiction of the description of a Special Interest House, which is intended to offer "selected students a special place to live on campus which is quite different from a large residence hall." Westmoreland Basement is unacceptable as a Special Interest House for male students interested in a house-oriented study atmosphere.

In response to the prospective SLS students' "desire...to keep Hamlet as the traditional leadership house, and to keep the student leaders positioned on campus in the mainstream of activities," I would like to point out that for the past three years Hamlet has not been an exclusive leadership house. In fact, the ratio of study members to leadership members in those three years has been 28 to 10, which hardly qualifies the house as a "traditional leadership house." (If anything it should be considered a traditional study house.)

As for the location of Hamlet versus Cornell, Hamlet is actually far-

ther away from ACL (where most student leadership offices are located).

Concerning Mr. Knighton's belief that the decision to add juniors to the SLS house "would be very beneficial for the college," the proposal to include juniors was introduced only after it was realized that there were not enough qualified rising seniors to fill the twelve spots in Hamlet. As for his concern that Cornell has no large room for meetings, the porch at Cornell is to be walled in next year, creating a common meeting room.

In closing, I would like to express my concern about the possible long-term consequences of the decision concerning the small house policy. It appears that academics may have been given a back seat to extra-curricular activities, which is contradictory to the purpose of the College, as is set forward in the academic catalog: "Mary Washington has historically focused on the liberal arts and sciences with the pursuit of academic excellence as the core of a value system which is emphasized throughout the College."

Perhaps some people believe that the value system need not apply to student housing, but in considering the fact that Mary Washington is largely residential, I believe that academics and housing policy are, and should continue to be, inseparably bound.

Sincerely,  
John T. Pimblett

## SLS Prospective Apologizes

To the Editor,

I, as a "potential" Scholarship, Leadership, and Service applicant, would like to make a public apology to Christopher L. Mazzatenta, Bruce Edward Loving and several others we did not consult before placing their names on our Special Interest Housing Proposal/Petition.

I realize that I was wrong in the method employed in accomplishing my objective and would like to say that I am sorry.

Sincerely,  
Dan McCardell

## Possible Name Change Disturbs Students

To the Editor:

This is about the supposed change in the name of Mary Washington College. Yes, it is "supposed" because:

(1) Just when MWC is getting to be a known school, you want to change the name? Come on, people, we are a good school and we know it (don't be here if you aren't), and we'll keep our name!

(2) If the administration wants to give us what we want, nobody wants to graduate with 2-years-at-MWC-and-the-rest-at-the-same-college-but-with-another-name. It feels funny, like a let down.

(3) I really don't think a college which changes its name is all that "established," or stable. What will the employers think? "Oh, I've heard of a Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, is this college

(with the new name) somewhere there?" they'll ask. This is going back to my point number (1). People are just starting to know the school and give credit to it. Let's keep it this way. There is a question of reputation here too, if you think about it.

(4) And why does everyone think the males on campus want the name changed? They'll say something if they want to, and so far, they don't seem bothered by it...so why bother?

(5) I don't know if this is true, but have polls, surveys, questionnaires of interviews been given to everyone except students attending MWC? Don't ask some board of directors or some other group of people! It's the students who will be affected by the change. Ask ALL of us, if you care!

Yours sincerely,  
Students of MWC  
(name withheld on request)

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A student was found guilty of the Honor Violation of cheating. The penalty imposed was no dismissal.

The Honor Council

# Statewide Honor Councils Meet, Exchange Ideas

by SUSAN LOYD

The MWC Honor, Judicial and Defense councils exchanged information about their systems with other Virginia institutions during the state honor and judicial conference this weekend at Virginia Tech.

The conference, which was hosted by MWC last year, gives honor and judicial councils from various colleges and universities the chance to meet annually and compare systems and discuss violations, penalties, pre-trial procedure and appeals.

Seventeen institutions attended the conference. Included were Hampden-Sydney College, James Madison University, Old Dominion University, Virginia Military Institute, Mary Baldwin College, the University of Richmond and Virginia Tech. MWC, with 25, was the largest group present. Absent from the conference was the University of Virginia.

The conference began Friday evening with opening remarks from Va. Tech's Chief Justice Todd Dale and a reception at the University Club. Saturday was devoted to lectures and panel discussions.

MWC's systems differ from other institutions in that Honor and Judicial councils here are student run from investigation through appeal. At some of the other colleges, faculty and administration are involved at some stage in the process.

MWC Honor President Sara Jones described the MWC Honor System as "a little bit more unique," during

a panel discussion on pretrial process. Jones added that the bulk of the investigative process is left not up to an investigative board, but to the accuser himself. An aide is appointed to help with the investigation.

Many schools raised questions concerning the accuser as investigator. Some concerns included the objectivity of an accuser who is directly involved in the case, and the possibility of losing a case due to the responsibility placed on the accuser.

Concerning the right of the accused to a lawyer as counsel, Jane Brandt Bulbin of Va. Tech said it was essential to "guarantee that the individual recognizes due process has been enforced." Due to the seriousness of an honor violation, it is important to allow a professional to be present if the accused chooses, she said.

Jones said that MWC does allow the accused the right to professional counsel, but added that "sometimes student defense can do a better job than a lawyer because they are more aware of our system."

Most of the schools present at the conference were multi-sanction systems, with the exception of V.M.I. which imposes expulsion for all guilty verdicts. JMU's sanctions ranged from immediate suspension to expulsion, while O.D.U. includes a faculty/student option, a grade penalty worked out between the student and professor. The most typical sanction the institutions imposed was suspension.

Whereas sanctions at most of the schools go into effect immediately following a guilty verdict, Va. Tech allows a student's penalty to begin after he completes the current term.

The question of the right to confidentiality for the accused was a major concern for many schools. All systems agreed that confidentiality is essential, and that all steps should be taken to ensure this for the accused.

Robert Lewis, public affairs director of Va. Tech discussed the importance of informing students of what is going on with their honor system. He stressed the use of newspapers to publish trial results, but with names and specifics omitted. Most schools agreed that verdicts of innocent as well as guilty should be published to let students know that honor systems do not convict all that go before them.

Lewis also said that honor councils should speak on a "one to one basis with anyone who will extend the invitation." The councils should concentrate on making the community aware of how their system works and the importance of it.

Computer plagiarism, which is increasingly becoming a problem, was another area touched on at the conference. In order to determine guilt or innocence, a council must know exactly what is permitted by the instructor of the class. The level of uniqueness in the work and the specific use of variable names can help determine if a violation has occurred.

Appeal processes were also discussed. Lewis Barnett, mediator of the post-trial process panel described the appeal process as the "backbone of any system." MWC is unique in that an appeal is made to the student appellate board, rather than a dean, college president, or board of visitors.

Describing the conference, Jr.

Honor Council Representative Scott Kaplan said he learned there is a "continuing interest in the honor systems of Virginia. They are still very valued traditions, even though there are individual school differences."

The conference will be held next year at Old Dominion University.

## Leback Named Head Of Physical Plant

Warren T. "Tom" Leback, 36, has been named director of the college's Physical Plant. Prior to this appointment, he had been named the assistant director, a position he had held since December, 1981.

As director, Leback will be responsible for the operations of the department and will coordinate all major construction projects and capital outlay projects on the campus. The department has a staff of 106 full-time employees.

Leback, holds a bachelor's degree from the College of William and Mary and a master's degree in landscape architecture from the Univer-

sity of Virginia. He was initially employed by MWC in October 1979 as the superintendent. He had previously been a campus planner and instructor in the Office of Campus Planning at U.Va. and had also worked for a landscape architectural firm in Richmond and for an architectural firm in Cambridge, Mass.

Leback's appointment was effective February 1. He succeeds Lester E. McMenamin Jr., who resigned last fall. Leback and his wife, Chloe, reside in Fredericksburg and have two children, Todd, 6, and Emily Paige, 4.

## Poet Gregory Orr Begins Va. Writers Series

by GLENN BIRCH

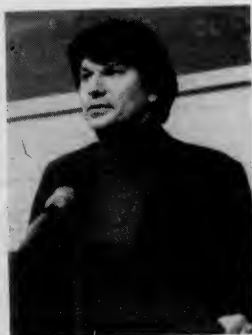
Lyric poet Gregory Orr gave a reading Thursday night as the first reader in the Virginia Writers Series at MWC.

Orr has published several volumes of his poetry including *The Red House*, *Gathering the Bones Together*, and *Burning the Empty Nests*. A new book, *We Must Make a Kingdom of It*, will be published in the fall. Orr is currently teaching at the University of Virginia.

Orr's poetry shows the influence of his rural upbringing, and contains images of barns, fields, and hay. "The barn," Orr said, "is the most sacred and magical space on the farm."

The poem, "Gathering the Bones Together," recounts an unfortunate incident in the poet's life when Orr shot his younger brother in a hunting accident, killing him. "Coming Down from a Volcano" details some of Orr's experiences while teaching at the University of Hawaii.

The Virginia Writers Series continues this semester with a reading from Catherine Hankla on March 27. A collection of Hankla's poems, titled



Poet Gregory Orr

Photo by Prewitt Scripps.

ed *Phenomena* was published in 1983. Her reading will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Chandler 102.

Richard Bausch will read selections from his writing on April 18. Bausch is the author of three novels and numerous short stories. That reading will be in Chandler 102 and begin at 7:30 p.m. also.

The Virginia Writers Series is presented by the MWC poetry/fiction series.

## Announcing...

In the continuing series "The Tempest of Time" sponsored by the Department of Classics, Philosophy and Religion, George Van Sant will present "What is Time? If No One Asks Me I Know."—Time in St. Augustine." His lecture will be held in Chandler Hall, Room 304, on Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 3:45 p.m. Admission is free.

UCAM will be meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 6 p.m., in Monroe 203 to discuss this semester's activities.

Comedian Ed Jackman will perform in Dodd Auditorium Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 8 p.m. Admission is \$3 for juniors, and \$4 for all other students.

Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m., there will be a "Symposium on Abortion" in Combs 200. Sue Hanna will moderate. The guest speakers will be: Glenn Goodpasture, attorney; Dr. Robert Bluford, minister and a professional from Pro-Life.

All persons interested in Allied Health Programs must sign up for an advising appointment for Fall 1985 registration. Come to GW 209 before Friday, March 1, to schedule your appointment.

Student Association election workshops will be held on Monday, March 4, at 4 p.m. and Tuesday, March 5, at 6 p.m. in the Ballroom. Anyone planning to run for the offices of S.A. President, Vice-President, Judicial Chairman, Lobby Chairman, Academic Affairs Chairman, ICA President, Honor Council President or members of the Board of Publications and Broadcasting must attend one of the workshops. Nominations will be held on Wednesday, March 6, at 5:45 p.m. at the Senate meeting in Monroe 102. Any questions, call Sheryl DeVaux at 4727 or Janet Hall at 4723.

"Two Printmakers: Nancy Friese and Rory Rogel," an art exhibit focusing on linocuts, monotypes and intaglios, is at the duPont Galleries through Feb. 27. Hours for the show are weekdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and weekends 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The exhibit is free and open to the public. For further information call 4357.

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Attention Special and Part-time students. If you are enrolled in only one class and wish to drop the class, the correct procedure is withdrawal from the College. See Mrs. Kemp in GW, Room 210 for further information.

Reminder for rising seniors: senior status does not automatically place your name on the degree candidates list; you must submit a degree application to GW 210 or 215 by 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 22.

A course may still be dropped through March 18. Students must have a drop form signed by the professor. A grade of W.P.(withdraw passing), or W.F.(withdraw failing) will be determined and placed in the students permanent record.

Declaration to Continue: 1985-86 materials have been distributed in the residence halls and mailed to non-residential students. If you have not received a copy of these materials and wish to file a declaration to continue, you may obtain the appropriate forms at the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid, GW 303. Deadline date for filing an on-time declaration to continue is Friday, March 8.



# Richmond Ballet Performs

by LAURA M. MASON

The Richmond Ballet performed a repertoire of classical and contemporary works in Dodd Auditorium Thursday.

The two hour performance was well attended, and included pieces by choreographers George Balanchine, Crandall Diehl and Lambros Lam-

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brose.

The first number, "Donizette Variations" was a classical Balanchine creation. Leslie Peck, ballet mistress for the company, and Jerry

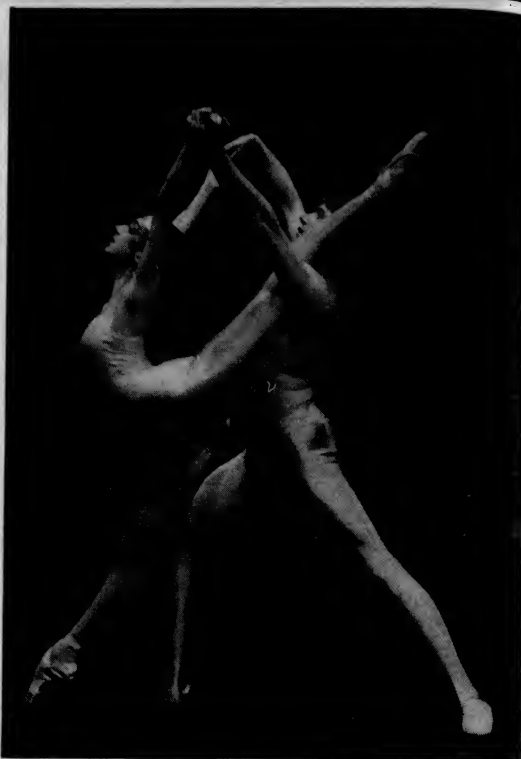
Schwender, the company's resident artist, danced the principal roles. Both entertained the audience with their dramatic and energetic performances.

Peck and Schwender also performed the principal roles in the second number, "L'Embarquement." Anne-Marie Hartley danced the third lead in this classical but risque story of stolen love and a broken romance.

The final number of the performance, "Sundances," was a modern dance. Special lighting and mystical music established the atmosphere for this, the strongest of the three dances. Five dancers were highlighted in a solo and two duets. The upbeat music and flurry of activity of "Sundances" overwhelmed the audience, who filled the auditorium with applause.

The only professional, non-profit ballet company in Virginia, the Richmond Ballet currently has 14 professional dancers, six apprentices and nine student members. As one of the finest civic companies in the country, the Ballet has featured talented students in major performances with orchestra and guest artists.

The company's expanded touring program brought them to MWC this season. They will also travel to Charlottesville, Staunton and Virginia Beach.



Juliet Burrows and Don Tolj perform a duet in "Sundances."

Photo by Suzanne Grandis

## MOVIES

Catch the remaining films of the semester, sponsored by the S.A. film committee:

Bachelor Party	Fri., March 1, 7 p.m.	Dodd
Just the Way You Are	Tues., March 5, 9 p.m.	Pub
Romancing the Stone	Sat., March 23, 7 p.m.	Dodd
Romancing the Stone	Sun., March 24, 3 p.m.	Dodd
Arthur	Tues., March 26, 9 p.m.	Pub
Repo-Man	Sat. March 30, 7 p.m.	Dodd
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# Livengood Comes to MWC With Varied Background

by KATHY McDONALD

"I guess my philosophy is to work hard and play hard," says Owen Livengood, MWC's new assistant food service director. Judging from Livengood's educational and employment experiences, it is a philosophy he has lived since his early years in college.

As an undergraduate at Boston University, Livengood studied finance and commerce for two years. He then transferred to Villanova University, continued as a finance major and earned a degree in business administration.

"I left B.U. for a number of reasons," said Livengood. "I was working as a bartender too many hours a week, and my course load was heavy." When the Boston University professors went on strike, Livengood felt it was an opportune time to make a change.

The change turned out to be an eight month break from school. "I managed an Athletes Foot store in Portsmouth and was involved in most aspects of retailing," he said. The job involved hiring and training employees, merchandising and a lot of paperwork." After obtaining the funds necessary to complete his

education, Livengood attended Villanova and graduated in 1983.

"I originally intended to become a stock broker," said Livengood, "but the market was turbulent and not lucrative at the time. Only the well-established brokers were making money."

After deciding against a career in the stock market, Livengood considered employment in the food industry. "I've always gravitated toward the food business" he said. Livengood worked in high school and college as a dishwasher, waiter, and a bartender and thus has gained considerable exposure to food-related businesses. "When you begin at the bottom you learn a lot of seemingly small things, but when you combine them, you've got knowledge that will serve you well," he said.

In addition to bartending and waiting tables, Livengood managed a restaurant called the Old Guardhouse Inn which catered to Philadelphia businessmen. Having grown accustomed to the duties of running the restaurant, Livengood was ready for more learning experiences. "I applied to ARA headquarters in Philadelphia," he said. "The company is dynamic and fit well with my plans to be involved

with a big corporation."

Employed by ARA as MWC's assistant food service director, Livengood's training includes familiarizing himself with daily operations of the food service, labor and cost analyses and learning the job of food service director.

"I enjoy the business end of my job most," he said. "It allows me to use the tools and knowledge I learned in college in the actual running of a business. The catering aspect of the service is interesting too, ARA is growing and I look forward to being involved in that expansion," he added.

Livengood also praised MWC's food service staff and training facilities. "Gordon [G.H. Inge, food service director] is great to work with and I can't think of a better place to train," he said.

Originally from Darien, Conn., Livengood is enjoying getting used to life in Fredericksburg. "The town is noticeably southern," he noted. Because he moved around frequently as a child, Livengood is accustomed to relocation. The adjustment to working on a college campus has posed no difficulties for him.

"The campus is beautiful and well-maintained, and all the people I've

met have been friendly," he said. "The only hard part is orienting myself to Fredericksburg. I've been here a month and I'm still trying to find my way around. I hope to learn by experience," he said.

In his leisure time, Livengood enjoys playing golf, tennis, skiing and riding his motorcycle. He is ambitious, but says, "I like to have fun too."

## MWC Voice Teacher to Perform

Soprano Suzanne Rhodes Collier will present a concert of vocal music on Sunday, March 3, in Klein Theater. The recital is free and open to the public.

The concert will include *Hermit Songs* by Samuel Barber and songs by Turina and Dvorak. Arias by Scarlatti and Handel will feature baroque trumpeter Jon Sumida of the University of Maryland faculty. Roy Hakes will accompany on piano and harpsicord. The concert is sponsored by the Department of Music and will be repeated on March 7 at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Collier teaches voice here at MWC, and is currently completing a doctorate of musical arts degree at the University of Maryland. She holds

degrees from Furman University and Peabody College.

Collier has performed several seasons on the Piccolo Spoleto Contemporary Women's Series in Charleston, S.C. in addition to having presented numerous recitals. Recently, she performed with the Washington Bach Consort at the National Cathedral and on the Minority Arts Project of contemporary music at the Donnell Library recital hall in New York City.

In December, Collier performed the role of Gretel in *Hansel and Gretel* to sold-out audiences on the Fairfax Symphony's concert series. She presently studies with James McDonald at the University of Maryland.



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KAREN RHODES

# A Modest Proposal

Debating the abortion issue is becoming very boring—it seems that everyone has already heard every argument there is on both sides of the issue, everyone has seen the gruesome pictures of babies in garbage cans, and most have their minds pretty well made up. It's time to take the debate to a higher plateau.

Whatever your position on abortion, you've got to admire the ardency of its opponents. Saturday after

Saturday, all across the country, they're out carrying those homemade picket signs, in all kinds of weather, not caring that surveys show them to be outnumbered. All for little babies they don't even know—(and no one ever will).

But the problem, as any pro-choice advocate will tell you, is that they're short-sighted, and they leave the women out of their consideration. Don't they realize the terrible difficulty of trying to raise a child on a

welfare check? Don't they care about the naive college freshman whose chance at a law career may be ruined by an unplanned pregnancy? Or what about the woman in poor health who isn't going to be helped any by the added stress of pregnancy and delivery? These are the people the pro-lifers seem to be particularly concerned about.

a child alone on little money, she confides, "I love Sandra, but considering how things have turned out, I wish I hadn't had her." Dear N.O.W., can you help my friend?

If she was just now discovering she was pregnant, you'd have all kinds of solutions: saline, for one, and also suction, dilation and curettage, or induced early labor. But

all over the country. Anytime a child became an obstacle to a career or an education, any time a mother's health deteriorated, anytime a family's income went down, a marriage broke up, or a woman just got tired of being a mother, (and who doesn't?) there would be a euthanasia center nearby with counselors, sterile rooms, and coffee.

We wouldn't even have to have long debates about whether or not the process was painful. Children could be very pleasantly put to sleep—perhaps they could even choose their favorite scent to go under by. Gas could be perfumed to resemble anything from their favorite bubble bath to a new baseball mitt, or a peanut butter sandwich.

This would be controversial at first, but opposition should crumble when it is pointed out that women have a right to live their lives as they see fit, and until children can live independently on their own they should not be considered in the choice. And best of all, it would prevent child abuse.

Just because a woman has a child, she shouldn't have to give up all her rights.

RICHARD EHRLE

## Religious Leaders Have Rights Too

Over the last several years, there have been many hot issues dealing with religion and politics. One such issue has been over the rights of religious leaders to speak on political topics versus the separation of church and state as provided for in the Constitution. Unfortunately, many people confuse the two, believing that if a minister, rabbi, or religious group speaks out politically, they are violating the Constitution.

The Constitution specifically states in the First Amendment that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." Generally speaking, this means that the Federal Government is neither to favor one religion over another, nor to persecute a particular religion. The First Amendment was directed against the establishment of a state church as existed in Great Britain, and against state interference in an individual's right to practice his religious beliefs.

The First Amendment was not designed to prohibit a rabbi or minister from speaking out on political issues. In fact, it protects their rights to speak out on political or other issues by preventing the state from taking action against them.

A second criticism aimed at outspoken religious leaders is that they often speak on subject areas outside of their expertise. This implies that ministers live only in a secluded world where they read, sleep and dream of nothing but God, and have no interaction with the outside world.

Such a view, however, contradicts a fundamental role of religious leaders which is not only to teach the

word of God, but also to communicate and provide counsel to their congregation. Who, then, is better able to speak out on the problems of unemployment, youth and violence, than the Catholic priest who runs a parish in a New York City ghetto, or the black minister who lives in the inner city?

Religious leaders are not just trained in the scriptures, but often have been educated in other areas as well. It is a safe bet to assume that your minister has had to study ECON 201. Indeed, many ministers and rabbis hold advanced doctorates in subjects other than theology.

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Some also argue that ministers, priests, rabbis and other religious leaders, should not speak on politics because of the tremendous influence they have over their congregations. By this argument, though, we should also eliminate political parties and newspapers because of their influence.

This argument fails to take into account the fact that people are subject to many influences besides religious ones. Finally, religious leaders, whether speaking as individuals or through an organization, have as much a constitutional right to have an input into the political system as any other interest group.

*What if I get sick and can't take care of my son properly? Surely then he would be a danger to my health, with all his extra needs.*

However, the pro-choice people seem to have forgotten a whole class of citizens as well—and I'm not talking about the fetuses. I'm talking about those women who already have children (outside of the womb). These women have problems too, and pro-choice advocates have never addressed themselves to them.

This occurred to me the other day while I was visiting my friend, Joan. Joan got married at 19, dropped out of college and had a baby a year later. Now, after two years of diapers and bottles and staying at home all day, Joan's marriage is falling apart. Faced with the possibility of raising

where are your remedies now?

And if I decide to go back to work full-time next year but can't because of high child care costs, can you relieve me of this burden? What if I get sick and can't take care of my son properly? Surely then he would be a danger to my health, with all his extra needs. Or if my husband suddenly loses his job and we end up on the welfare rolls, will you do the same for me as you would for a pregnant welfare recipient? Will you take the worry and care of a child off my hands as well?

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## We Goofed!

The by-line for Dane Foust's column on the college seal and women's rights was left off in last week's *Bullet*. Our apologies to Dane and our readers.

## Sports

## Tennis Aims for Nationals

by JILL STRINGETT

Although the women's tennis team will be going into the spring season without three of its top four players, coach Ed Hegmann is still optimistic about reaching Nationals for the fifth year in a row.

In addition to the loss of number two seed Krissey Andrews and fourth seed Candee Overly, first seed Michelle Marangi may be out for the season due to illness.

The young team, with five of its eight members being freshmen, will have a tough season ahead having lost top players and with a very rigorous schedule this spring.

Hegmann is looking towards Suzu Cope, who came into the season ranked third, to be playing in the number one or two spot this spring. Suzu is a hard working player, giving it her all in practice and in matches," said Hegmann.

Other top seed contenders are Joelle Labor who was ranked fifth this fall and was also undefeated, and Lisa Cope, sixth ranked player whose record was 15 wins and five losses last fall.

According to Hegmann although

Cope will have "pressure in terms of power, her quickness and speed will allow her to also play up the ladder."

Barb Haberstroh, Stephanie Greenwald, Valerie Sazanor, Karen Whitt, Mary Beth Begley, and Susan Oates are also in contention for top ranking.

The team will travel to Atlanta Georgia in March for the Emory University Indoor Tournament and will then spend spring break at Hilton Head.

Hegmann said, "It's not going to be a glamour trip, we will be working hard." The team plans to practice twice a day and possibly even get in some competition.

The trip is mainly designed to keep the women in shape and their skills in working order. The primary emphasis will be on skill drilling rather than competition.

"I don't want them to get burned out because we've got a very busy schedule when we return," explained Hegmann.

He looks to American University, Georgetown University, and Hollins College to be the toughest competition but is confident that the team will be heading to Haverford College, Philadelphia in May for Nationals.

## Getting In Shape

Members of the women's lacrosse team practice for the upcoming season.



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## Coming up next month:

WOMEN'S LACROSSE—home versus Washington Club at 11 a.m., March 2.

MEN'S TENNIS—away versus Shenandoah, March 5.

WOMEN'S TENNIS—away at Emory University Indoor Tournament, March 8-10.

WOMEN'S SWIM AND DIVE—away at NCAA National meet at Emory University, March 14-16

WOMEN'S LACROSSE—at Virginia Invitational weekend at William and Mary, March 16-17.

## Quotables

Reggie Jackson on Tom Seaver,  
*Blind people come to the park just to hear him pitch.*

Football player Alex Karras,  
*I never graduated from Iowa. I was only there for two terms—Truman's and Eisenhower's.*

Football coach Red Blaik  
*Inches make a champion . . . and the champion makes his own luck.*



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